



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

#### FOIA Service Center

May 17, 2019

Austin R. Evers  
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1030 15th Street  
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Washington, DC 20002

#### RE: FOIA Request No. 19-01266-F

Dear Austin R. Evers:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated April 11, 2019 and received in this office on April 12, 2019. Your request was forwarded to the Office of the Secretary (OS) to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following: All email communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations and calendar entries) between (a) Paula White (alternatively styled as Paula White-Cain) or any person communicating on her behalf and (b) any of the individuals listed below:

- a) Secretary Betsy DeVos and any scheduler or assistant communicating on her behalf
- b) Deputy Secretary Mitchell Zais and any scheduler or assistant communicating on his behalf

Please produce all responsive records from January 20, 2017 through the date of search.

Staff from OS informed this office (FSC) that after a search of their files, they were unable to locate any documents that were responsive to your request.

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation.

They can be contacted by:

Mail	FOIA Public Liaison Office of the Executive Secretariat U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Ave., SW, LBJ 7C132 Washington, DC 20202-4500	Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510 College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail	<a href="mailto:robert.wehausen@ed.gov">robert.wehausen@ed.gov</a>	<a href="mailto:OGIS@nara.gov">OGIS@nara.gov</a>
Phone	202-205-0733	202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448
Fax	202-401-0920	202-741-5769

Lastly, you have the right to appeal this determination. You must submit any appeal within 90 calendar days after the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right, or the deadline, to pursue an appeal. An appeal must be in writing and must include a detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by a copy of this letter, the initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in resolving your appeal. Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at [www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf).

Appeals can also be submitted by:

E-mail: [EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov](mailto:EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov)  
Fax: 202-401-0920  
Mail: Appeals Office  
Office of the Executive Secretariat  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 7W106A  
Washington, DC 20202-4500

If you have any questions, please contact the FSC at (202) 401-8365 or via email at [EDFOIAMANAGER@ed.gov](mailto:EDFOIAMANAGER@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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